

Mr. Speaker, Eva Cooper has dedicated her life to providing quality nursing services to the people of Brooklyn. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that I am recorded as "not voting" on May 6, 2004 on rollcall #149.

I ask that the RECORD reflect that had my vote been recorded, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall #149 (to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 402, regarding the urgent need for freedom, democratic reform, and international monitoring of elections, human rights, and religious liberty in the Lao People's Democratic Republic).

TRIBUTE TO MARC M. SELTZER

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a good friend and remarkable man, Marc M. Seltzer, who is being honored on May 13th at ORT's 2004 Jurisprudence Award Dinner. Marc has made outstanding contributions in the legal field, has written extensively, and is a widely recognized expert on especially complex litigation.

Marc is a native Californian, who received his bachelor's degree from the University of California at Berkeley and his law degree from UCLA. Upon graduating from law school, he became a Deputy Attorney General for the State of California. After several years, he went into private practice and ultimately joined Jack Corinblit and Martin Shapero, forming the firm Corinblit, Shapero, and Seltzer, which later became Corinblit and Seltzer. They blazed an impressive legal trail which included a massive equity funding securities litigation case. Marc also served as the sole lead counsel for the plaintiff in one of the largest and most elaborate west coast securities fraud cases—the ZZZZ Best securities fraud case.

In 1998, Jack Corinblit retired and Marc joined forces with long-time friends and colleagues to become the resident managing partner of the newly opened Los Angeles office of Susman Godfrey L.L.P. In only a few years, the office became one of the leading litigation firms in Los Angeles.

In addition to his extensive legal accomplishments, Marc has served in a plethora of civic and professional organizations. He served as President of the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles in 2002 and is currently the Vice President of the Ninth Judicial Circuit Historical Society. He is also vice chairman of the Executive Committee of the Antitrust and Unfair Competition Law Section of the State

Bar of California; a member of the Board of Directors of the National Equal Justice Library; and a trustee of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. He has also served as chairman of the Dean's Circle at UCLA School of Law.

Marc is married to the Honorable Christina A. Snyder, United States District Judge for the Central District of California. Together, this distinguished couple has given unstintingly of their time and resources to improve their profession and their community.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, I ask you to join me in saluting Marc M. Seltzer and congratulating him as he receives this richly deserved honor.

CONGRATULATING "BATTLE OF THE BOOKS" PARTICIPANTS FROM CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the fifth and sixth grade students and teachers in Camden County, NJ who participated in the Second Annual Battle of the Books. Battle of the Books is a nationwide program designed to foster and encourage a devotion to reading. Through this program, librarians and reading teachers select several books that each participating student is then required to read. Each week students meet to discuss the material they read and, in early spring, a competition is held to test the knowledge that the students have amassed as a result of their voracious reading.

The Battle of the Books is a worthwhile program which greatly enhances the educational experiences of all who choose to participate. I ask that my colleagues join me in commending all of the participating students (including my daughter, Jacquelyn) for their devotion to reading, as well as the teachers and advisors for all that they do to educate our nation's youth.

Participants were, from Atlantic Avenue School in Haddon Heights, NJ: Jacquelyn Andrews, Ben Huber, Kate Quinn, Michael Wasienko, and Samantha Wentz. From Bell Oaks School in Bellmawr, NJ: Ryan Campanella, Courtney Clark, Valentina Covalenco, Robert O'Donnell, Vidhi Patel and Ryan Carney. From Glenview Avenue School in Haddon Heights, NJ: Jason Jenson, Zachary Andrews, Matthew Capula, Robbie Migliaccio, Christopher McKane, and Nick Sabota. From Kershaw School in Mount Ephraim, NJ: Kristina Marioni, Joe Benigno, Ben Donia, Nicole Fisher, Jessica Lanchang, Nicole West, Chris Fehr, Melissa Jost, Rhea Keith, Amanda Monteleone, Brianna Ingram, and Sarah Myers. From Pine Hill Middle School in Pine Hill, NJ: Shelby Cubbler, Chris Harris, Kori Lok, Emily Oriente, Monica Thompson, and Jackie Springer. From Seventh Avenue School in Haddon Heights, NJ: Beth Packi, Matthew Deeney, Rebbecca Baron, Megan Hall, Marc Delmonico, and Nathaniel Harshaw. From Mary Volz School in

Runnemede, NJ: Michael Bieg, Carly Drebit, Sean Fredhoff, Brian Kissam, Andrea Lowe, Rachel McKelvy, Michael Cook, Andrea Farino, Jennifer Koss, Amanda McAnally, Brianna Rodriguez, and Evan Prims. From Woodland School in Barrington, NJ: Jill Costello, Alexa Diedrich, Alyssa Jarmusik, Megan Roney, Amanda Woodward, Tyler Franceschini, Edwin Gross, Donny Lang, Mike Muniz, Erik Tate, and Matt Waite. And, from Yellin School in Stratford, NJ: Amanda Hubler, Jeffrey Abbott, Jesse Debes, Sarah Price, Rachel Overpeck, David Calber, Katie Keen, Maryann Baxler, Joshua Forrest, Katelyn Sullivan, Vincent Carpinelli, and Ryan Cooper. The librarians and reading teachers who served as advisors for the students were Mrs. Nancy Healy, Mrs. Jo Ann Burns, Ms. Nancy Clark, Mrs. Susie Leon, Mrs. Susan Mosebrook, Mrs. Diane Drayer Beler, Mrs. Sue Milon, Mrs. Julie LaRubbio, and Mrs. Debbie Reinholt.

TRIBUTE TO THE TOWN OF ORANGE IN RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORANGE PEACE STATUE

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the spirit and civic pride that the Town of Orange, Massachusetts and its residents have demonstrated over the past 70 years towards the care and preservation of the bronze Peace Statue by Joseph Pollia.

The 12-foot high "peace statue" stands in a small park in the center of Orange. Designed by Joseph Pollia in 1934, this sculpture received national attention when it was dedicated as a memorial to veterans of World War I. First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt sent a letter commemorating the event and coverage of the statue appeared in the Christian Science Monitor.

The statue addresses the need for world peace through its inscription "It Shall Not Be Again" and is said to be the only "peace statue" of its kind. It depicts a doughboy just returning from the war torn fields of France. He is seated on a stump and beside him stands a 10-year old American schoolboy carrying a book. The statue, which weighs 1,120 pounds, was installed on two granite blocks.

Seventy years ago today this statue was unveiled as a memorial to the brave men of Orange who gave their lives to protect our country. It has also served as a beautiful reminder that peace is an alternative to war. The sculpture's inscription, "It Shall Not Be Again", could not be more timely as the nation once again honors the memory of young men and women who have given the greatest sacrifice to protect our nation and its citizens. In honor of our nation's veterans, I again ask that we recognize the national significance of this statue and thank the people of Orange, Massachusetts for keeping it safe for future generations to enjoy.